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Questions and Answers about BPA and Formula

In response to a number of questions on BPA (Bisphenol-A), especially from local WIC agencies and clients, the Maine CDC has developed a fact sheet on this subject that we hope will help provide some guidance for parents of young children. The Maine CDC is not promoting either the liquid concentrate or powder formula (we formerly preferentially promoted the liquid concentrate) provided by WIC. We are asking that clients make the choice of the feeding method that is best for them using this additional information and talking with their baby's doctor if questions remain.

The fact sheet was developed primarily by staff in the Toxicology Program, WIC Program and Family Health Division at Maine CDC. If you have further questions on this subject, the fact sheet has several websites listed that may be useful. If you have questions regarding WIC policies please contact the WIC Program at 207-287-3991 or 1-800-437-9300. If you have questions regarding toxicology please contact the Environmental and Occupational Health Program at 207-287-6455 or 1-866-292-3474.

These BPA fact sheets can be obtained on our website at:

http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/wic/bpa_faq.html.